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Docket No. 408RJD

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I/we hereby declare, of my/our own knowledge or on information and belief, that:

My/Our residence, post office address and country of citizenship is/are as stated below next to my/our names(s);

I/We am/are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought and which is entitled:

METHOD OF PREPARING POULTRY DRUMSTICK FOR FRYING, AND FOOD PRODUCT THEREFROM

Title of Invention

and which is described and claimed in the accompanying United States patent application, including specification, amendments and claims:

I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, amendments and claims;

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a);

I/We hereby declare that all statements made of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and I/we have been warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon; and

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